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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 24, with the following:

In this example embodiment, each microprocessor TBP is equipped with two serial links LS, one LS to the computer PC and the other LLE to the reader/encoder LE.

However, where the microprocessor TBP is equipped not with two serial links but with an eight-conductor connector COS, as shown in Figure 2 for example, some of these conductors may be used for effecting serial links using an adaptation device DA which comprises two adaptors for serial connection SLA1, SLA2 and a switching circuit RS according to the diagram in Figure 2.